

North Dakota Department of Transportation

DBE NEWSLETTER

— For the June 22, 2020 Bid Letting —



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Newsletter advertisements are due to the Civil Rights Office Fifteen (15) Business days prior to each bid opening by 12:00p (CT):

- **Thursday, July 23, 2020** (for August 7, 2020 Bid Opening)

Submit the required information online at: <https://apps.nd.gov/dot/cr/csi/login.htm>

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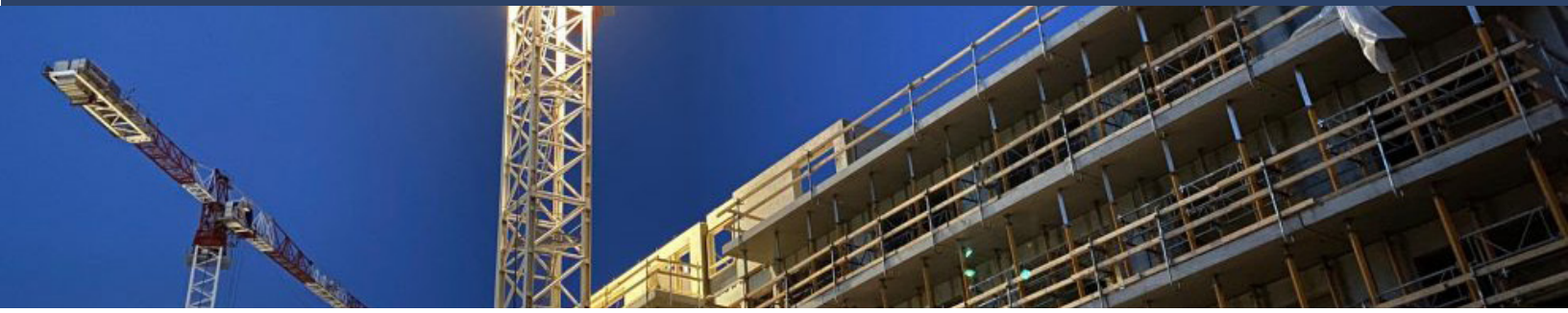
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- Translations of written material necessary to access NDDOT programs and information.

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Five Industry Leaders Launch 2020 Construction Startup Competition

by Aarni Heiskanen of AEC-Business.com

CEMEX Ventures, Ferrovial, Hilti, VINCI Group's Leonard, and NOVA by Saint-Gobain launch the 2020 Construction Startup Competition, seeking entrepreneurs and startups to drive innovation in the construction industry. The call will be open to participants from around the world from May 19 through July 26.

CEMEX's Corporate Venture Capital Unit, announced today the launch of the 2020 Construction Startup Competition. After the tremendous growth of its previous editions, Ferrovial, Hilti, VINCI Group's Leonard, and NOVA by Saint-Gobain joined the competition with the objective of identifying and fostering startups to lead the transformation of the construction industry.

Under the slogan "You are the missing piece," the five key industry players invite all entrepreneurs worldwide with innovative construction solutions to participate in this year's edition by submitting their projects from May 19 through July 26, 2020. The winners will be evaluated on five areas of opportunity within the industry—from smart cities and buildings to optimization of supply chain management, construction with innovative materials or methods, and optimization of productivity, efficiency, and quality in daily project management, among others.

CEMEX Ventures, Ferrovial, Hilti, VINCI Group's Leonard, and NOVA by Saint-Gobain come together for the 2020 Construction Startup Competition to add their weight behind startups breaking the paradigm of one of the least digitized and most fragmented industries. They will join their expertise and resources to boost startups with their knowledge of infrastructure, materials, and equipment, among other disciplines.

Those interested in participating can apply through [CEMEX Ventures' webpage](#). Once the five host companies have evaluated all of the proposals, they will engage the most promising startups with a further set of opportunities, from workshops to pilots or investments. In this fourth edition of the Construction Startup Competition, the winning startups will be invited to Chicago, US, to present their solutions to an audience composed of global leaders in innovation, investment, and construction, tentatively on December 2-3, 2020.

The global presence of the five host corporations allows startups from anywhere in the world to participate in the competition, giving them the opportunity to scale and expand their business to new geographic markets. The position these five leaders occupy within the construction value chain provides the participants with wide visibility of the challenges that the industry faces, as well as access to an active portfolio of important contacts. These factors help build connections to new investors and companies focused on innovation. Moreover, the competition offers participants the possibility of testing and implementing their solutions with any of the five host companies.

The great growth of past editions—where the number of applicants skyrocketed from year to year—helped to develop an ecosystem of over a thousand startups from over 80 countries focused on the construction industry. The 2020 Construction Startup Competition aims to complete a vision of new emerging solutions in the industry, facilitate an efficient review of investment opportunities, and create a community of players committed to solving the industry's challenges from an innovative, technological, and sustainable point of view.

For more information regarding the 2020 Construction Startup Competition, please visit <https://www.cemexventures.com/startup-competition-2020/>.

Quoting opportunities

June 22, 2020 bid opening at 09:30 am

KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS - PO BOX 40, BEMIDJI, MN 56619, is seeking quotes on any and all items or materials within the scope of the project(s) on job number(s) 1, 2 for the June 22, 2020 NDDOT Bid Opening to be held at 09:30 AM. We will assist you in interpreting plans and specifications, preparing proposals, provide advice to obtain bonding and insurance, project scheduling, pit information (location, length of haul, type of road, etc.) method of measurement (seeding by the mile or acre, hauling by the ton-mile or by the hour, etc.), expected overtime, payment schedule, items of work included in the quote or any other project related issues. KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS will be accepting quotes up until deadlines as specified in the DBE Special Provisions for this letting. You can email your quotes to subquotes@kniferiver.com. To speak to someone in our office regarding quoting please contact Josh Weickert at 218-751-5413. Any and all disadvantaged businesses are encouraged to submit a quote. KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

MARK SAND & GRAVEL CO. - PO BOX 458, FERGUS FALLS, MN 56538, is seeking quotes on any and all items or materials within the scope of the project(s) on job number(s) 1, 2 for the June 22, 2020 NDDOT Bid Opening to be held at 09:30 AM. We will assist you in interpreting plans and specifications, preparing proposals, provide advice to obtain bonding and insurance, project scheduling, pit information (location, length of haul, type of road, etc.) method of measurement (seeding by the mile or acre, hauling by the ton-mile or by the hour, etc.), expected overtime, payment schedule, items of work included in the quote or any other project related issues. MARK SAND & GRAVEL CO. will be accepting quotes up until deadlines as specified in the DBE Special Provisions for this letting. You can email your quotes to estimator@marksandgravel.com or fax your quotes to 218-736-2647. To speak to someone in our office regarding quoting please contact JUSTIN RODEMAN at 218-736-7523. Any and all disadvantaged businesses are encouraged to submit a quote. MARK SAND & GRAVEL CO. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Quick Tips!

Commercially Useful Function

DBEs are required to perform a commercially useful function (CUF). CUF refers to those services the DBE is certified to perform. Certified services for each DBE are listed in the online DBE Directory. It is a DBE's responsibility to immediately notify the prime contractor in writing if the DBE is unable to perform a CUF or the services indicated on Form C.

The contractor must certify that DBEs working on the prime's contract are performing a commercially useful function. Submit [SFN 60597, DBE Performance – Commercially Useful Function Certification](#) to the project engineer with [SFN 5682 - Contractor's Request to Sublet](#). Project engineers will not approve the Requests to Sublet without the CUF Certification. A review of the certification must be performed by the project engineer to determine whether the contract dollar value of the DBE's work may be counted toward the project goal.

The Department counts participation to a DBE contractor toward DBE goals only if the DBE is performing a CUF on that contract.

A. A DBE performs a CUF when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved. To perform a CUF, the DBE must also be responsible, with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material, installation and paying for the material itself. 49 CFR § 26.55(c)(1)

B. A DBE does not perform a CUF if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract, or project through which funds are passed in order to obtain the appearance of DBE participation. 49 CFR § 26.55(c)(2)

C. If a DBE does not perform or exercise responsibility for at least 30 percent of the total cost of its contract with its own work force, the Department must presume that it is not performing a CUF. 49 CFR § 26.55(c)(3)

D. When a DBE is presumed not to be performing a CUF as provided in paragraph C (above), the DBE may present evidence to rebut this presumption. 49 CFR § 26.55(c)(4)

E. The Department's decisions on CUF matters are subject to review by Federal Highway Administration, but are not administratively appealable to USDOT. 49 CFR § 26.55(c)(5)



Upcoming Events

**Jun
17**

**Unique Ways to Generate Revenue
(Online Webinar)**

Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 12-1pm

[Learn more >](#)

**Jun
23**

Economic Outlook Forum 2020

Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 7-11:30am

Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, Bismarck ND

[Learn more >](#)

**July
7**

**The Oil Industry's Economic Impact
(Online Webinar)**

Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 7:30-9:00am

[Learn more >](#)

**July
7**

**Website Development, Maintenance & Content
(Online Webinar)**

Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 9:30-11:30am

[Learn more >](#)

**July
15**

**Fargo/Moorhead/West Fargo Chamber Event
When North Dakota/Minnesota Nice Meets the
Difficult Conversation (Online Webinar)**

Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 1-2pm

[Learn more >](#)

**July
28**

Workforce Summit 2020

Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 8am-12pm

Radisson Hotel, Bismarck, ND

[Learn more >](#)

Training Resources



**North Dakota Procurement
Technical Assistance Center**
www.ndptac.org



**North Dakota District
SBA Office**
www.sba.gov/offices/district/nd/fargo



**North Dakota Local Technical
Assistance Program**
www.ndltap.org



**Center for Technology
& Business**
[www.trainingnd.com/
technology-training](http://www.trainingnd.com/technology-training)



SBA online training courses
www.sba.gov/learning-center



**Transportation Learning
Network**
www.translearning.org



**ND Small Business
Development Centers**
www.ndsbdc.org



**Veterans Business Outreach
Center of the Dakotas**
www.und.edu/dakotasvboc/



**Project Solutions Inc.
DBE Training Videos**
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nddot-dbe-training](http://www.gotostage.com/channel/nddot-dbe-training)